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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
DOCKET NO.

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In the Matter of	:	
	:	Administrative Action
JOHN A. KIRKOWSKI, D.M.D.	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
Licensed to Practice Dentistry:	:	
in the State of New Jersey	:	

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon the receipt of a patient complaint from V.P. concerning dental treatment performed by John A. Kirkowski, D.M.D. (hereinafter "respondent".) In particular, V.P. alleged that although respondent had been his treating dentist for years, respondent failed to recognize periodontal disease in the form of severe gingivitis. V.P. further alleged that this failure to identify the periodontal disease has caused V.P. to need significant dental work such as gum and bone surgery. On December 18, 1996, the Board held an investigative inquiry into the matter. Respondent appeared without an attorney and gave testimony and answered questions by members of the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record including the testimony at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent did not conform to standard dental practice in the State of New

Jersey. This review disclosed, among other things, that respondent failed to recognize periodontal disease and/or did not note the periodontal disease in the patient's chart, and that respondent failed to keep proper records. This conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS <sup>March</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF ~~FEBRUARY~~ 1997

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall successfully complete twenty-one (21) hours of continuing education in "hands on" periodontal training, in particular root planing, curettage, charting and periodontal probing. Further, respondent shall take four (4) hours of continuing education in risk management. These courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, utilizing the attached Pre-Approval Sheet. The courses must be completed within six months of the entry of this Order. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter. When the costs are ascertained, the Executive Director will mail to respondent a Certification of Costs. Within ten days of receipt of the

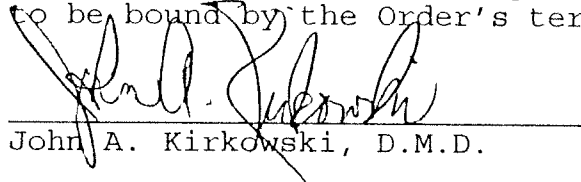
certification, payment shall be made by certified check or money order to the State of New Jersey and shall be submitted to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director of the Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Anthony Villane, Jr. D.D.S.  
President

I have read the within Order  
and understand its terms. I  
hereby consent to its entry and  
to be bound by the Order's terms.

  
John A. Kirkowski, D.M.D.